

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the title with the following rewritten title:

INDICATOR MATERIAL FOR ASSESSING BODY ODOR, PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME, BODY ODOR ASSESSMENT METHOD, METHOD OF
ASSESSING EFFECTIVENESS OF DEODORANT AND KIT FOR CONVENIENTLY
ASSESSING BODY ODOR

Please delete the header on page 8, line 14 as follows:

~~Detailed description of the Invention~~

Please add the following header on page 17 just after line 20 as follows:

Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten Abstract:

ABSTRACT

An indicator material for assessing body odor of the present invention comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of a substance (A) which is a β -hydroxycarboxylic acid compound represented by the formula (1), a substance (B) which is a derivative of the compound represented by the formula (1), a substance (C) which is an alcohol compound having a mercapto group at the 3-position represented by the formula (2), and a substance (D) which is a derivative of the compound represented by the formula (2). The present invention also provides a method of producing the compound represented by the formula (2) by incubating perspiration originated from a human in an environment with an oxygen concentration of 10 v/v% or less. The present invention also provides a kit for assessing body odor of a human, wherein the kit for assessing body odor of a human includes

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a coloration reagent which reacts with β -hydroxycarboxylic acid originated from perspiration of a human.

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